

Maunsel White to Andrew Jackson, February 20, 1815, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

MAUNSEL WHITE¹ TO JACKSON.

1 Afterward a close friend of Jackson, and agent in New Orleans for the disposal of Jackson's cotton.

New Orleans, February 20, 1815.

Sir , since my return several of the Gentlemen interested in the slaves now on board the British Fleet in Moibille Bay, have called to see me on the subject. I have stated to them the disappointments which I met with, owing to contrary Winds, the, Oppérations against Moibille point, and more particularly not being able to fall in with the Agent for Transports, to whom was directed the order I recd. from the Admiral, to take all slaves who were Willing to return and finally my Interview with the slaves on board Transport ship no. 543 and the Letter I wrote to the Admiral in consequence, thereof, which went to state these negroes were forced away and that part of them were willing to return, but that not being able to join, the Agent, I was obliged to relinquish for the present, but that, the other Owners. would repair immediately on my return, to the Bay, to reclaim them. and that I hoped every chance would be given them to regain their property, as it appeared evident that he did not want them. From which statement of Facts, These Gentlemen are of Oppinion, that they will get, if not all a great many of their, slaves, and have requested me to pray you to grant them permission to go, at their own expence and Risk to reclaim them on the grounds before mentioned. and as, a Days delay may be attended with the most serious Consequences they hope, you will have the goodness, to give them as soon as possible the necessary passports. Mr. Lavergne, aid to Majr. General Villère, has been

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requested to wait on you, to make the necessary arrangements. and will communicate to you the further wishes of these Gentlemen.

I have the Honor. to be